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October 16, 2020

Thank you for subscribing to my weekly newsletter. Below you will find important federal, state and local updates from the last week curated for you in one place.

This week, the first week of early voting for the general election, saw record turnout at the Atascocita early voting location. For information about your polling location please visit [harrisvotes.com](https://harrisvotes.com). All polling locations will remain open throughout the weekend.

This week I spent time speaking with superintendents from across the state about the implementation of HB 3 and the potential impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the upcoming 87th Legislative Session.

Should you have any questions about the information below, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please utilize email communication with our office during this time, via the email contact information at the bottom of this newsletter.

Sincerely,



State Updates

# DSHS 7-DAY COVID DASHBOARD

As of October 9th, 2020

## CASES

### 785,830

+ 29,826

OVER PAST 7 DAYS

+ 3.95%

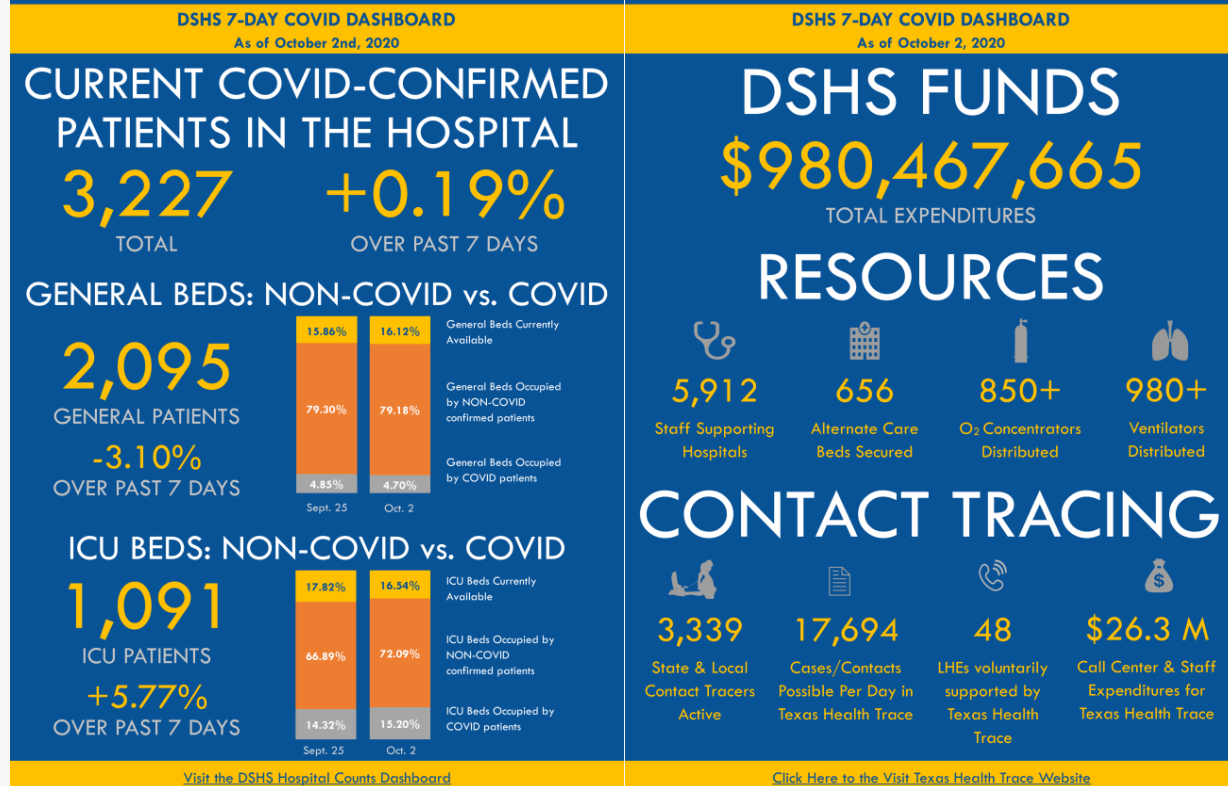
OVER PAST 7 DAYS

## TRAUMA SERVICE AREAS

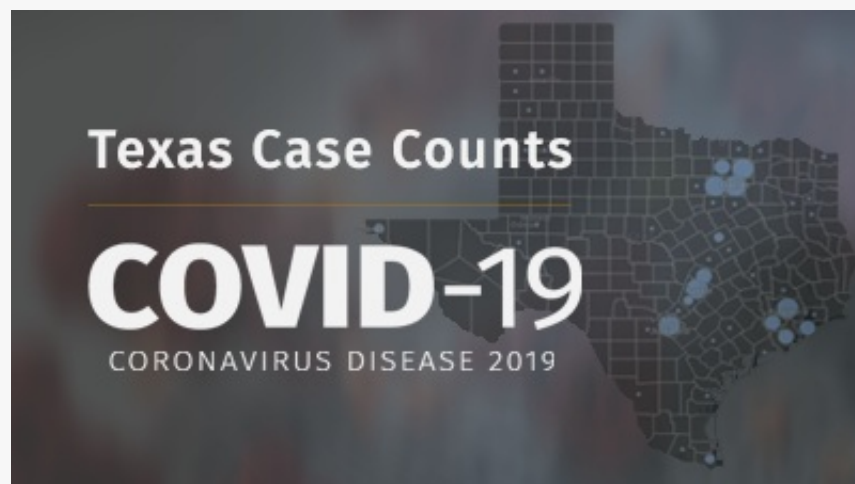
7-Day Percentage of Lab-Confirmed COVID-19 out of  
All Hospitalized Patients

TSA	Major Metro Area	03-Oct	04-Oct	05-Oct	06-Oct	07-Oct	08-Oct	09-Oct
A	Amarillo	13.5%	13.6%	15.5%	15.8%	17.7%	18.1%	17.2%
B	Lubbock	11.5%	12.4%	12.6%	13.5%	16.4%	15.6%	15.9%
C	Wichita Falls	8.3%	9.4%	9.4%	4.3%	3.9%	4.3%	5.4%
D	Abilene	6.2%	6.1%	7.5%	6.6%	6.5%	5.6%	6.3%
E	Dallas/Ft. Worth	6.7%	7.0%	7.8%	7.6%	7.5%	7.2%	7.4%
F	Paris	11.6%	12.9%	15.1%	16.9%	14.6%	13.1%	14.2%
G	Longview/Tyler	11.3%	11.2%	12.6%	11.9%	10.9%	11.6%	11.8%
H	Lufkin	15.5%	15.1%	18.1%	16.8%	15.3%	15.6%	14.2%
I	El Paso	12.1%	11.6%	13.3%	14.0%	13.9%	12.7%	13.6%
J	Midland/Odessa	6.4%	7.4%	8.8%	8.6%	8.9%	8.9%	4.5%
K	San Angelo	4.5%	5.7%	5.1%	0.8%	2.7%	4.2%	5.1%
L	Belton/Killeen	4.0%	4.1%	4.4%	3.8%	3.7%	3.4%	3.7%
M	Waco	12.9%	15.5%	15.0%	14.1%	14.3%	12.4%	12.3%
N	Bryan/College Station	6.3%	7.6%	7.6%	8.7%	8.4%	8.4%	7.4%
O	Austin	2.9%	2.6%	3.1%	2.9%	3.3%	2.8%	2.8%
P	San Antonio	5.2%	5.0%	5.2%	5.5%	5.0%	5.1%	4.6%
Q	Houston	3.8%	4.1%	4.3%	4.4%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%
R	Galveston	9.3%	9.5%	9.9%	9.8%	9.2%	10.3%	10.0%
S	Victoria	15.6%	18.2%	17.8%	17.4%	12.9%	13.5%	12.5%
T	Laredo	20.9%	22.8%	23.2%	21.9%	21.2%	21.5%	21.4%
U	Corpus Christi	9.0%	8.9%	10.1%	9.8%	9.5%	9.8%	9.9%
V	Lower RGV	13.6%	14.6%	14.7%	14.6%	13.4%	12.7%	12.7%
ALL		6.9%	7.1%	7.7%	7.6%	7.4%	7.2%	7.1%

[Visit the DSHS Coronavirus Case Counts Dashboard](#)



## DSHS: COVID-19 Case Dashboard



## FEMA Group Flood Insurance Policies (GFIP) End October 24, 2020

### Harvey households covered by FEMA group flood insurance...

AUSTIN, Texas - Many families affected by Hurricane Harvey in August 2017 did not have flood insurance. As part of its disaster assistance, FEMA provided Group Flood Insurance Policies (GFIP) to 6,704 households across counties impacted by...

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## Texas State Veterans Homes Updates COVID-19 Visitation Policies

## COVID-19 Visitation Policies

In accordance with directives by HHSC and the Emergency Rule issued in September, Texas State Veterans Homes will be re-opening to limited visitation. Please contact your local Texas State Veteran home for further information (location contact...

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vlb.texas.gov

## Governor Abbott, HHSC Announce More Than \$20 Million For Disaster Crisis Counseling Services



Office of the Texas Governor | Greg Abbott

### Governor Abbott, HHSC Announce More Than \$20 Million For ...

Governor Greg Abbott today announced the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will receive more than \$20 million in additional federal funding for disaster crisis counseling services for Texans impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The...

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## As Texas Economy Continues to Re-Open, TWC Reinstates Unemployment Insurance Work Search



### As Texas Economy Continues to Re-Open, TWC Reinstates...

Date: October 13, 2020 Media Contact: James Bernsen Phone: 512-636-6994 UI Claimants Can

Document Their Efforts Virtually and Through Skills Enhancement AUSTIN - The Texas Workforce Commission ( TWC) announced today that as the Texas economy...

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[www.twc.texas.gov](http://www.twc.texas.gov)

## Total Closures on I-10 in the Downtown Area This Weekend

### Total Closures On I-10 In The Downtown Houston Area This ...

HOUSTON - The Texas Department of Transportation will close the I-10 eastbound and westbound mainlanes in the Downtown Houston area this weekend for the reconstruction of the Elysian Viaduct Bridge north of Downtown Houston and for Houston Avenue ...

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## Gov. Abbott, TEA, TDEM Announce COVID-19 Rapid Testing Pilot Program For Texas Schools



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### Governor Abbott, TEA, TDEM Announce COVID-19 Rapid...

Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Education Agency (TEA), and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) today announced the creation of a COVID-19 Rapid Testing Pilot Program for Texas school systems. This program will help schools conduct...

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## City of Houston & Harris County Updates

## Harris County Public Health Dashboard





Harris County  
**Public Health**  
Building a Healthy Community

## H.D. 127 Updates

### Virtual Community Engagement Meeting for the Kingwood Area Drainage Analysis



The Harris County Flood Control District will hold a virtual Community Engagement Meeting for the Kingwood Area Drainage Analysis. The purpose of this meeting is to inform residents about the status of the Kingwood Area Drainage Analysis and share project information.

The Kingwood Area Drainage Analysis focuses on evaluating the existing drainage level of service for the 32.3-mile open channel network within the greater Kingwood area and identifying the drainage infrastructure which will improve the network's level of service. The Flood Control District has entered an interlocal agreement with the Lake Houston Redevelopment Authority (TIRZ 10) to partially fund this drainage study, along with bonds approved by Harris County voters on August 25, 2018. Community engagement is an important component of the Bond Program, and we invite your participation as the program is implemented.

The virtual Community Engagement Meeting will be held on:

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

**6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Join online at [PublicInput.com/Kingwood](https://PublicInput.com/Kingwood)**

**Or by phone at 855-925-2801 with Meeting Code: 9541**

The meeting will begin with a brief presentation to share project updates, followed by a moderated Q&A session with Flood Control District team members. Residents will be able to submit questions and comments throughout the presentation. Any comments not addressed during the Q&A session will receive a response after the event.

A recorded version of the meeting will be available on the Flood Control District's website and YouTube channel after the event. Meeting accommodations can be made for those with disabilities. If needed, please contact 346-286-4152 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

The Kingwood Area Drainage Analysis Technical Report Executive Summary will be available online prior to the October 20, 2020, Community Engagement Meeting at [www.hcfcd.org/F14](https://www.hcfcd.org/F14). For questions, please contact the Flood Control District at 346-286-4000, or fill out the comment form online at [www.hcfcd.org/F14](https://www.hcfcd.org/F14).

## Capitol Office Closure

The Capitol office will remain closed in line with suggested Stay Home, Work Safe guidelines. Please utilize email communication with our office during this time, via the email contact information at the bottom of this newsletter or [district127.huberty@house.texas.gov](mailto:district127.huberty@house.texas.gov).

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